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Applicant DOW GLOBAL TECHNOLOGIES INC.				
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

Description, Pages

1-10 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-16 as originally filed

- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing *(specify)*:
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing *(specify)*:
 4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-16
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-16
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-16
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

The following documents are referred to in this communication:

D1: DD-A-251768

D2: WO-A-8300488

D3: JP-A-10316803 (Derwent-Abstract)

1. Novelty

D1 discloses the use of a combination of synthetic magadiite and a further halogenated organic flame retardant (see claim 3) or inorganic flame retardant (see claim 4).as combined flame retarding agent for polymers.

The polymers disclosed are rubbers and elastomers, not mentioning the polyolefin polymer of the present application.

D2 discloses a flame retardant polyolefin composition comprising an organic brominated flame retardant and a clay compound as well as their use as wire coating. No mention is made of the use of a synthetic magadiite.

D3 discloses a flame retardant polyolefin composition comprising an organic brominated flame retardant and a clay compound. No mention is made of the use of a synthetic magadiite.

Due to the above mentioned differences to the prior art in D1-D3, the present application fulfills the requirements of novelty.

2. Inventive step

The distinguishing feature between D1 which is considered to represent the closest prior art and the claims of the present application is the use of a specific polymeric component, namely a polyolefin.

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No technical effect is however demonstrated due to this distinguishing feature and this feature only.

The objective technical problem of the present application is therefore the preparation of a further flame retardant polymeric composition.

A skilled person knowing the flame retardant effect of a magadiite/further flame retardant combination would obviously apply this knowledge to other polymers, including the claimed polyolefins when considering the above mentioned problem.

Such a change from elastomer to polyolefin is a routine experiment in a laboratory and does not involve an inventive step.

Consequently claims 1-16 of the present application do not involve an inventive step.